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PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Question of Senator Barnett if he'll yield. I'm only asking for the record so it's clear. The way the amendment is drafted, conceivable the department could go back to the same site. It's clear, would you agree, that the intent that they do not go back to that Crete site cause there is no site identified?

SENATOR BARNETT: This amendment is not meant to have construction anywhere but on their own state grounds within their own complex if possible, either the Reformatory site or the Penitentary site, because there's plenty of land available.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Barnett, do you . . . The question is the adoption of the amendment. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, I move that LB 553 be advanced to Enrollment and Review for engrossment.

PRESIDENT: Discussion of the motion? The question is the advancement of 553. All those in favor say aye, contrary may. The bill is advanced.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the amendments to LB 298.

PRESIDENT: Discussion of the motion? The question is the adoption of amendments to 298. All in favor say aye, contrary no. The amendments are adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, there are amendments offered by Senator Luedtke. (Read amendment found on page 1556 of Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the amendment. What it does is simply clarifies, for the judges, change in this particular law when the widow is able to, under this new approach, the widow is able to get the pension which she couldn't . . . the retirement which she couldn't get under the old law. In the law it refers to an option. Yet there was no place in the bill, as we had it, when that option would be exercised. All this is saying is that if such option is not exercised by such spouse within 90 days of the judges death then it goes the way it used to. In other words, this is really a savings clause for letting things go as we've always administered the retirement for the judges, unless they exercise an option within 90 days. It makes sense and it will make a much better bill.